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SUBJECT: UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL BIEN HOA AUGUST 22, 1973  
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QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L BIEN HOA 0428

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SUBJECT: UPPER HOUSE ELECTION IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE

1. SENATE ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN BINH DUONG IS A REFLECTION OF WHAT  
IS HAPPENING IN OTHER PROVINCES IN MR3; PEOPLE ARE APATHETIC AND  
TAKING OUTCOME AS FOREGONE CONSLUSION. THE PROVINCE GOVERNMENT,  
REPORTEDLY SUPPORTING SLATES 1 AND 2, IS CONFIDENT OF THEIR  
VICTORY AND OF REALIZING THE 95 PERCENT VOTER TURNOUT GOAL. ALL FOUR  
SLATES ARE CAMPAIGNING IN PROVINCE, BUT 3 AND 4 ARE STICKING TO  
MORE SECURE AREAS.

2. COMMUNISTS APPEAR TO BE TAKING A HANDS-OFF ATTITUDE. IN  
SOME AREAS THEY ARE TELLING PEOPLE TO DO WHAT THEY PLEASE SINCE  
OUTCOME WILL NOT AFFECT EVENTUAL COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER. ELSEWHERE  
VC ARE CLAIMING ELECTIONS ARE MEANINGLESS AND ILLEGAL ACCORDING  
TO PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT, AND ARE URGING VOTERS TO TEAR UP BALLOTS  
BEFORE PUTTING THEM IN ENVELOPES.

3. KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS WITH THOM REPORTING OFFICER SPOKE  
PREDICT VICTORY FOR SLATES 1 AND 2 AND 90-95 PERCENT TURNOUT.

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